if so, the names and States in which the plants are to be located;

(b) whether Government are aware that such chocolates have become very popular largely among school children; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against the manufacturers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Financial assistance for setting up food processing industries

1083. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the assistance provided by Government for setting up of food processing industries in rural areas of the country, particularly in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana;

(b) whether Government have identified some districts of the country in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) if so, the details thereof stating the time by which the work is likely to begin ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not set up industries directly in any State. However, the Ministry, under its Plan schemes, is providing assistance for setting up/upgradation of food processing industries, including post harvest processing infrastructure. Such schemes include providing assistance for modernisation of single hullers, establishment/upgradation of fruit and vegetable processing units, setting up of meat, poultry and egg processing units and Tuna and other fish processing plants. In implementation of the above schemes, due consideration is given to those proposals which envisage establishment/upgradation/pro-motion of food processing industries in rural areas. Details of Plan assistance provided for setting up food processing units in the rural areas of the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, during the year 1992-93, are enclosed in statement *(See below)*

While this Ministry have not identified any specific districts for setting up of food processing industries, assistance is provided to State Government agencies/organisations, academic bodies, recognised organisations of industries, etc., for surveys, studies, preparation of feasibility reports, etc., including identification of suitable locations.

Statement

Plan Assistance provided for setting up food processing units in the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana in 1992-93

(Rs. in lakhs)

BIHAR	
1. Setting up Food Processing Training Centres (FPTC) ..	9.00
UTTAR PRADESH	
1. Setting up FTPC ..	54.00
2. Marketing assistance to Meat Sector ..	3.06
HARYANA	
1. Modernisation of Hullar Mills ..	40.00
2. Setting up FTPCs ..	6.00